

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) have stressed the need to give priority to the research work and asked the Universities to support research at individual, group and department levels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that UGC have advocated for higher magnitude of funding in an organised manner for research work during the Tenth Plan; and
- (d) if so, the allocation of funds made during the Ninth Plan and proposed allocation of funds during the Tenth Plan period for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), research has been a prime concern of the UGC. The Commission has been implementing a number of schemes aimed at strengthening research in universities and colleges. The UGC has been providing assistance to universities/colleges and individual teachers for research under its different schemes which, inter alia, include:-

1. Teaching and Research in Inter-disciplinary areas.
 2. Assistance for Strengthening of Infrastructure in Science & Technology (ASIST).
 3. Special Assistance Programme (SAP) in Humanities, Social Sciences, Arts, Law and Engineering & Technology.
 4. Research Projects to teachers.
 5. Advanced Centres for Science Education & Research.
 6. Research Awards
 - 7 Research Fellowships
 8. Research Workshop, Seminars.
- As per UGC, during the X Plan period, the inter-disciplinary research in all the fields would be given priority. The focus would be on promoting cross research in allied field and to think of 'ideas that would work'.